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1. ADDRESSEE POSTS HAVE NOT YET REPLIED TO REFTEL CONCERNING NOMINATION FOR SPANISH LANGUAGE DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAM. TO DATE, WE HAVE HAD TEN POSITIVE RESPONSES NOMINATING ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PROGRAM. SLOTS FOR THE SEMINAR ARE STILL OPEN, THEREFORE SAO EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION TO COB APRIL 22, 1975. HOPE THAT ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE HOST GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SUITABLE NOMINATION FOR SEMINAR.

2. FOR GUATEMALA. SUGGEST EMBASSY CONSIDER CONTACTING FIRST LADY, HELEN LAUGERUD, WHO HAS EXPRESSED PERSONAL INTEREST IN DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS AND MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUGGEST POSSIBLE NOMINEE. UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, WHERE TRAINING TO TAKE PLACE, HAS HAD DEALINGS IN PAST WITH DEPU-
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TY MINISTER OF HEALTH ITURBIDE AND DR. FORNO OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT AND SUGGEST BOTH OF THESE MIGHT BE GOOD POTENTIAL CONTACTS.

3. FOR MONTEVIDEO. REALIZE IN LIGHT OF RECENT VISIT BY

DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION EXPERT, DR. BEAR, TO URUGUAY THAT THEY MAY HAVE REACHED SATURATION POINT, BUT HOPE THAT ONE OF PROMINENT PERSONS INVOLVED SUCH AS COL. BARBA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MIGHT STILL BE INTERESTED IN NOMINATING A PARTICIPANT FOR THE PROGRAM.

4. FOR SANTIAGO. SAO RECALLS THAT NARCOTIC COORDINATOR REQUESTED EXTENSIVE DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION MATERIALS LAST SUMMER, AND PERHAPS THE REQUESTING PARTY FOR THAT INFORMATION MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUGGEST GOC NOMINATION. ALSO POSSIBLE CONTACT IS PROFESSOR GILBERTO RUDOLPH VIVANCO, A LAWYER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE MEDICAL LEGAL SERVICE WHO WAS A 1974 CULTURAL AFFAIRS PARTICIPANT IN A DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES. UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO ALSO RECOMMENDS CONTACT WITH GRACIELA VALENQUELA, WHO WORKS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TEACHERS TRAINING CENTER, LO BARNECHEA.

5. WOULD SINCERELY APPRECIATE EMBASSIES LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED CANDIDATES FOR THIS SEMINAR. BELIEVE IT WILL BE QUITE INTERESTING AND INNOVATIVE STUDY OF CROSS-CULTURAL APPLICABILITY OF U.S. DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION EXPERIENCE. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSES ASAP IN ORDER TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS. KISSINGER

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